

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to remove the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" section.

The drawings were objected to by the Examiner. Replacement sheets for Figs. 1-12 are enclosed which formalize the drawings which were submitted with the application. The enclosed sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1-3 and 5-8c adding the legend --prior art-- as requested by the Examiner in the Office Action dated January 12, 2004. Approval by the Examiner of the changes to the drawings is respectfully requested. Formal drawings incorporating the changes are also submitted herewith under separate letter to the draftsperson.

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as their invention.

Claim 10 has been amended as suggested by the examiner to indicate that the display can be read either when the display is in the camera or separate from the camera.

Claims 1, 4-10, 13-16 and 18-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Watanabe et al. (US 4,887,161).

By this amendment, all the independent claims have been amended to indicate that the display displays images inside the camera after the application of power and outside the camera without the application of any power. In order to accomplish that the display on the image bearing medium must function as a memory display after the application of power. After such power application, the visual images still remain. This is an important feature of the invention since it eliminates the need for power supplies such as a solar battery or dry cell as shown in Fig. 4 of Watanabe et al. There is no disclosure in Watanabe et al which provides any disclosure or suggestion for using this feature. In fact, Watanabe et al teach away from the present invention since their display must have either a solar battery or dry cell. Because of the feature of memory display, the present invention does not require the use of a digital to analog converter or driver circuitry which are clearly required by Watanabe et al. It is believed that the amendment to claim 1 and for that matter independent claims 10 and 21 now set

forth a new and unobvious feature and all of these claims should be allowable over Watanabe et al.

Claims 2, 11 and 17 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe et al. (US 4,887,161) in view of Doane et al. (US 5,695,682). Claims 3 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe et al. (US 4,887,161 in view of Gowda et al. (US 6,628,333).

Watanabe et al has been discussed fully above and the arguments are applicable here.

It is true that Doane et al discloses a memory in form of a chiral nematic liquid crystal material. There is no suggestion in Doane et al that their disclosed display can be used in a camera to provide the advantages noted above. In fact there would be no reason to combine Watanabe et al with Doane et al since Watanabe et al is extensively concerned with providing power to their memory cartridge 20. Again see Fig. 4 of Watanabe et al.

Gowda et al relates to including a printer in a camera. The printer prints images on an instant film and requires the application of power. There is nothing in Gowda et al that would suggest the use of a removable memory in all of the independent claims in this application.

It is believed that independent claims 1, 10 and 21 all set forth new and unobvious subject matter in view of any of the references cited by the Examiner it is believed none of the references, taken singly or in combination, disclose the claimed invention. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

It is believed that these changes now make the claims clear and definite and, if there are any problems with these changes, Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,



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